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1. There are not enough physicians in Poland to perform even the normal services, and the shortage is most acute in hospitals and the numerous, overcrowded prisons where there is a very high mortality rate.* To remedy this situation, the government has instituted short-term training courses for army surgeons (felczer).
2. A training course has been started in the Polish Red Cross Center in Stettin at the intersections of Aleje Wojska Polskiego and Aleje Stalina. Its intended duration is from one to five years. Approximately 130 candidates have been selected from among personnel who have performed medical work for a considerable period. The candidates, not all volunteers, include both men and women between the ages of 30 and 50. A similar course has been started somewhere in Silesia.
3. Forty-five additional training courses for army surgeons or assistant surgeons have been organized in other parts of Poland. The courses are for a three-year period and the requirement for entrance is a secondary school certificate. After completing their studies the students have a short period of practical experience, after which they are eligible to take examinations at the Medical Academy to qualify for a degree of Doctor of Medicine.
4. There are other army surgeons' schools which require only a certificate of completion of public school; these enroll youths as well as older persons (sic). Graduates of these courses will be employed only as army surgeons and will not be eligible to enter the Medical Academy. Each province has at least one school of this type, with an enrollment of 100 to 120, female students predominating.

Comment: Personnel shortages are apparent in all other fields and it is not known how the needs can be filled. The reasons for the shortages are that such large numbers of people are utilized in government administration, in the U.S., which employs 300,000 individuals, and in the army. Another contributing factor is the great number of individuals confined in prisons.

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